

**TRANSMITTAL #1**

**MEMORANDUM**

**June 13, 2013**

**TO:** Workforce Development Council

**FROM:** Roger B. Madsen, Director

**SUBJECT:** Change in Workforce Investment Act Income Eligibility Criteria.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Approve the change in the WIA Income Eligibility Criteria for Implementation

**BACKGROUND:**

Section 101(25)(B) of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) sets the criteria states must use in determining whether an individual is a low-income individual. This criteria includes two sets of data: the poverty guidelines, as published by the Department of Health and Human Services, and 70 percent of the Lower Living Standard Income Levels (LLSIL), as determined by the Secretary of Labor. The states use the higher of these two measures to establish low-income status for eligibility purposes of WIA Adult and Youth Title I programs. The WIA requires annual revisions to both sets of data.

All states use the same poverty guidelines. However, the LLSIL identifies maximum qualifying income levels for residents in either of two broad geographic designations: metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas. Metropolitan income levels apply to residents living within Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) as published by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Nonmetropolitan income levels apply to places with populations under 50,000. WIA Section 101(24) defines LLSIL as "that income level (adjusted for regional, metropolitan, urban and rural differences and family size) determined annually by the Secretary [of Labor] based on the most recent lower living family budget issued by the Secretary."

The state proposes to use the income levels cited on the following page when determining appropriate LLSILs for WIA program eligibility in the coming program year. The amount shown by family size is the maximum household income in order for the individual to qualify as economically disadvantaged under the Workforce Investment Act.

**2013 WIA Program Income Levels for Eligibility**

Persons in Family/Household	Metro**	Non-Metro
1	<i>\$11,490</i>	<i>\$11,490</i>
2	\$16,357	\$15,859
3	\$22,458	\$21,774
4	\$27,724	\$26,875
5	\$32,715	\$31,718
6	\$38,265	\$37,096
For Families with more than 6 persons:	Add \$5,550 for each additional person	Add \$5,378 for each additional person

\*Where the HHS poverty level for a family size is greater than the corresponding LLSIL, that number is *italicized*.

\*\*Counties with Metro Designation by the Bureau of Labor Statistics

Boise-Nampa MSA	Ada, Boise, Canyon, Gem and Owyhee Counties
Coeur d'Alene MSA	Kootenai County
Idaho Falls MSA	Bonneville and Jefferson County
Lewiston MSA	Nez Perce County
Logan UT MSA	Franklin County
Pocatello MSA	Bannock and Power Counties

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the approval of the new income (HHS Poverty and LLSIL) levels as presented by the U.S. Department of Labor for use in the state's WIA program for PY13.

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